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Hello,

My name is Sarbjit Kaur.

I am a Student Hygienist in Fones School Of Dental Hygiene, Bridgeport, Connecticut. I would like you to support, on my behalf, legislation to establish the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner. The ADHP will add a new member to the dental team to deliver care to the underserved in Connecticut. Access to dental services necessary to maintain optimal oral health, which is an integral component of total health, can increase with the creation of a midlevel practitioner like the ADHP. Please support the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner. This proposal will make it possible for thousands of underserved patients who cannot obtain care, to receive needed dental care. This type of midlevel provider, akin to the APRN (nurse practitioner) is the way of the future and as you know CT is the Origin of Dental Hygiene - Bridgeport 1913. We will be celebrating the 100th year, next May.

More Information:

Unfortunately, the opponents in CT are disseminating inaccurate information. Below is the truth,

- The ADHP will work as part of an interdisciplinary health team, in collaboration with dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants and other healthcare professionals to deliver services.
- The ADHP is not proposed to replace any member of the dental team. The ADHP will supplement the ability of the existing dental workforce to provide expanded oral healthcare, in public health settings.
- Coordination with other dental, medical and social service providers allows for maintenance of individual quality care and enhances the social impact of the public's health; producing positive and rewarding outcomes.